

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 JERUSA 02031 181510Z

50

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCCT-01 CU-02 NEAE-00 OPR-01 SAM-01

IO-10 SCS-03 USSS-00 SY-04 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01

INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 NIC-01 /076 W  
----- 014403

P R 181350Z NOV 74

FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6311

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE JERUSALEM 2031

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PBOR, IS, JO

SUBJECT: ARAB STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND BOMBS IN WEST BANK  
AND EAST JERUSALEM

REF: JERUSALEM 2003

1. ARAB STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF PLO CONTINUED TODAY  
(NOV 18) AS EAST JERUSALEM STUDENTS FROM ST. GEORGE AND  
IBRAHIMIYYE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK TO SALAH IDDIIN STREET FOR  
THE FIRST TIME CHANTING "PLO". THEY DISPERSED PRIOR TO THE  
ARRIVAL OF POLICE AND SOLDIERS. STUDENTS TEMPORARILY BLOCKED  
SIDE STREET ENTRANCE OF SCHOOL WITH LARGE STONES WHICH WERE  
REMOVED BY POLICE. FOR SEVERAL HOURS INTO THE MORNING MOUNTED  
POLICE AND BORDER POLICE JEEPS CONTINUED TO PATROL EAST  
JERUSALEM. AT NOON POLICE FIRED WATER CANNON INTO CROWD OF  
DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKING HEROD'S GATE OF OLD CITY.  
DEMONSTRATORS WERE DISPERSED AS SHOPS AND SCHOOLS CLOSED  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 JERUSA 02031 181510Z

FOR THE DAY. STUDENTS ALSO WENT INTO THE STREETS IN BETHLEHEM

(SELDOM THE SCENE OF TROUBLE). UNIVERSITY OF BETHLEHEM STUDENT WAS HOSPITALIZED.

2. THIS LATEST SERIES OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, SECOND SINCE ARAFAT'S UN SPEECH, ERUPTED ON NOV 16 IN HEBRON, HALHOUL, RAMALLAH AND JENIN WHERE VIOLENT CLASHES TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ARAB STUDENTS AND GOI SECURITY POLICE AND SOLDIERS. SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD ARAB SCHOOL GIRL WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED IN THE JENIN DEMONSTRATION AS CLUB-WIELDING SECURITY FORCES AND ROCK-THROWING STUDENTS CLASHED WITH WHAT JERUSALEM POST ALLEGES WERE PROBABLY MOST VIOLENT STREET DEMONSTRATIONS BY WEST BANK RESIDENTS SINCE 1967. HEBRON WAS PLACED UNDER CURFEW FOLLOWING INCIDENTS IN WHICH STUDENTS REPORTEDLY BLOCKED ROADS, STONED ARMY VEHICLES AND SET CARS AFIRE. KOSHER ISRAELI RESTAURANT ESTABLISHED IN FRONT OF HEBRON MOSQUE WAS ALSO SET ABLAZE. NABLUS, WHICH HAD BEEN SCENE OF FIRST VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN GOI POLICE AND TROOPS NOV 13 (REFTEL) WAS QUIET. ON NOV 17 STUDENTS FROM HEBRON, HALHOUL, RAMALLAH AND JENIN, REPORTEDLY JOINED BY SOME SHOPKEEPERS, AGAIN TOOK TO THE STREETS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR PLO AND OPPOSITION TO CONTINUED ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION. NO VIOLENCE WAS REPORTED DURING THESE DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. ISRAELI HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST JERUSALEM BECAME TARGETS OF TERRORISTS' BOMBS ON SAME DAY AS NOV 17 STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. EXPLOSIVE CHARGES SLIGHTLY DAMAGED AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN RAMAT ESHKOL. ANOTHER EXPLOSION WHICH REPORTEDLY CAUSED NO DAMAGE TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF A NEW SUPER MARKET THERE. THIRD AND POTENTIALLY SERIOUS EXPLOSIVE WAS FOILED IN FRENCH HILL APARTMENT BY DISCOVERY OF BOMB BEFORE IT DETONATED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN ANY OF EXPLOSIONS.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AND OBVIOUS CONTRAST BETWEEN THESE DEMONSTRATIONS AND THOSE OF 1967-68. THE EARLIER ONES REFLECTED ANGER AND FRUSTRATION AT BEING SADDLED WITH THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. WEST BANKERS WANTED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR CONDITION BUT WITHOUT MUCH HOPE OF ITS BEING RELIEVED. TODAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS SPRING FROM A SENSE THAT EVENTS ARE MOVING THEIR WAY. WEST BANKERS ARE DEMONSTRATING FOR SOMETHING, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 JERUSA 02031 181510Z

AND IN THE HOPE OF ULTIMATELY GETTING WHAT THEY WANT, NOT MERELY LASHING OUT AGAINST THE ISRAELIS. WHILE THE COURSE OF THESE THINGS IS ALWAYS HARD TO PREDICT, THIS CHANGED CONTEXT MAY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOI TO PREVENT SPORADIC OUTBREAKS OF THIS KIND REGARDLESS OF THE STERN MEASURES THEY ARE TAKING.

5. WE ASSUME THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING INSTIGATED BY PRO-PLO ELEMENTS, PROBABLY THE PALESTINE NATIONAL FRONT. SO FAR

THEIR MAIN SUCCESS HAS BEEN WITH STUDENTS, WHO HAVE LESS TO  
LOSE THAN THE SHOPKEEPERS. FOR SOME REASON THE ARAB WOMEN,  
TRADITIONALLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF WEST BANK DEMONSTRATIONS, HAVE  
BEEN SITTING THIS ONE OUT.  
DAY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** BOMBING, WEST BANK, STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 18 NOV 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** CollinP0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974JERUSA02031  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740332-0799  
**From:** JERUSALEM  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741135/aaaabdgw.tel  
**Line Count:** 120  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** JERUSALEM 2003  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CollinP0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 14 AUG 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <14-Aug-2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <14 MAR 2003 by CollinP0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ARAB STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND BOMBS IN WEST BANK AND EAST JERUSALEM  
**TAGS:** PINS, PBOR, IS, JO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005